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The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI) Grant application submitted by the City of Pelham, Alabama. The proposed project would eliminate two railroad crossings that intersect with a high-traffic corridor, which has become increasingly dangerous.

It is my understanding that the City of Pelham and the railroad track operators work collaboratively to avoid road blockages and to reduce track traffic during peak road traffic times. However, challenges continue to arise from the intersection, including required track maintenance issues and accidents involving trains. This is occurring in an area that has experienced tremendous growth of several neighboring communities in recent years, and the road-track intersection is a primary route for many residents and first responders. Elimination of this crossing is absolutely critical to citizens who live and work in the surrounding areas.

As Governor, the safety of Alabama citizens and community development are among my top priorities. Elimination of these dangerous railroad crossings is absolutely necessary for the safe and efficient travel between several growing communities and their schools, workplaces, healthcare, and other services. To this end, your full consideration of the City of Pelham's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program Grant application is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Ivey
Governor